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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed August 6, 2003, applicants elect Group I (claims 1-8, 10-22 and 28), without traverse. Accordingly, please cancel claim 9, without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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